

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, California, the Congress and the Country are mourning the loss of a pioneering leader, a legendary statesman and a patriotic American: Secretary Norm Mineta.

Thank you to Congresswoman JUDY CHU and the leadership of CAPAC, for hosting this Special Order. It is fitting that we pay tribute to their Co-Founder here on the House Floor, where he served for two decades.

Over the course of his long, distinguished and barrier-breaking career, Norm Mineta was a man of many titles:

An intelligence officer in the United States Army;

Mayor of San Jose—the first Asian American mayor of a major city;

Mr. Chairman here in the House—not only of the powerful Committee on Public Works & Transportation, but also a strong voice in the creation of CAPAC;

and Mr. Secretary: the first Asian American to hold a Cabinet post—and he did so in not one, but two Administrations.

But as Norm told us himself, there was one title he always held dearest. He said, quote: “I cherish the word citizen because my own government . . . wasn’t willing to use that word to describe us.”

Indeed, all Americans are in awe of how—after enduring the cruelty of internment at just ten years old—Norm still chose to devote his life to serving the Nation that had turned its back on him.

Norm’s lifelong public service will forever be remembered as a profound act of extraordinary courage, grace & patriotism: fighting to correct injustice and ensure America’s founding promise for all.

Those of us who served with Norm in the House had the privilege of seeing this firsthand in his relentless mission for justice with the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

He was the driving force behind this long-overdue law, in which the United States finally apologized for incarcerating Japanese American families like his own; and took a step to make amends for this stain on our Nation’s history.

Who could forget Secretary Mineta’s vision, tireless and patriotic leadership in the wake of the September Attacks—helping strengthen our Nation with the establishment of the TSA.

Personally, I will miss my dear friend, Norm, who treated all fortunate enough to know him with sincere kindness, humanity and respect.

And I join my fellow Californians in taking great pride in the fact that the San Jose International Airport continues to bear his name.

May it be a comfort to his loving wife, Deni, his sons David and Stuart, stepsons Robert

and Mark, and his many grandchildren that a grateful Nation prays for them and mourns with them during this sad time.

God blessed our Nation with the life and leadership of Norm Mineta. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING LUCILLE “LUCY” LEVY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 100th birthday of Lucille “Lucy” Levy.

Lucille “Lucy” Levy was born in New York City on May 12, 1922. Her family moved to Long Island where she grew up and graduated from Lawrence High School. Upon graduation, she went to work as a model in the New York City garment industry. She met and married her dashing husband, Daniel Herman in 1941. They had three daughters: Nan, Marsha, and Laura; and were married for 43 years before his passing.

Lucy worked with her husband in the family retail business, Sandra Post, for many years. She was also involved in charitable causes including Variety Children’s Hospital and Temple Beth Shalom. She married her second husband, Irving Lovitt, and they were married for 22 years until his death.

As a centenarian, the history she has witnessed over the past century is quite remarkable. In her lifetime, 19 Presidents have served our nation, the global population has increased by nearly 6 billion people, and countless inventions from the airplane to the internet have launched us into a new technological era.

Today, Lucy lives in Aventura, Florida and is keeping up with current events, reading the newspaper cover to cover every day, and continues to be a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Countless individuals have been touched by the richness of the stories and memories she has shared throughout the years.

I join Lucy’s family and her Aventura community in wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YES on Roll Call 147, Joyce (OH)/Carson Amendment;

YES on Roll Call 155, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the United States

Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act; and

YES on Roll Call 162, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER OF MAJOR SERGEANT HUNTER SORRELLS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of retiring United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells.

During his time as a Marine Corps fellow in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells served our men and women in uniform, along with the veteran community of Northeast Wisconsin, with the utmost dedication and professionalism. His intelligence, tenacity, and devotion to helping others made him a beloved and invaluable member of my team. His relentless advocacy on behalf of Northeast Wisconsin veterans changed the lives of multiple individuals in my district and delivered for them the benefits they earned in service of our Nation.

There is no better example of Master Sergeant Sorrells’ dedication to his fellow men and women in uniform—particularly Marines—than his efforts to recover the Camp Reasoner base sign from Vietnam. After being informed of the issue, he dove into action and not only gathered bipartisan support, but expertly worked through the logistics that would be required to bring the sign home to American soil. Thanks to his perseverance, all Marines then serving in the House of Representatives signed onto a letter bringing the issue to the attention of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Throughout his time in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells exemplified the highest standards and values of the United States Marine Corps. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside this great American.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells’ exemplary career in the Marine Corps and wishing him all the best in retirement. Our Nation is safer, and the Northeast Wisconsin community is better, because of his service.

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud Pennsylvanian, and someone who has been a season ticket subscriber to the Philadelphia Orchestra for almost 40

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years, to share with my colleagues another important milestone for the Philadelphia Orchestra on the world stage.

In close coordination with the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs as well as our diplomats in Abu Dhabi, a delegation from the Philadelphia Orchestra made a historic trip to the United Arab Emirates in March.

This coincided with the Dubai Expo and the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on March 20, 1972.

The Philadelphia Orchestra has been one of the most well-traveled in the world. This commitment to cultural diplomacy dates to the end of World War II. Colleagues will remember the landmark visit to China orchestrated personally by President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger. More recently, the Orchestra has worked with our State Department diplomats to strengthen relations with countries as diverse as Mongolia and Israel.

While on the ground, the musicians visited not only Abu Dhabi and Dubai, but also the Fujairah Fine Arts Academy. This was truly historic. In an increasingly complex world, this type of people-to-people exchange is an incredibly important tool to amplify the work of our diplomats.

As we stand shoulder to shoulder with our European allies, I look forward to celebrating the upcoming European tour this August and September. Once again, the Philadelphia Orchestra will serve as an important cultural ambassador for our country on the world stage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PA 211
NORTHEAST/HELP LINE FOR 50
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania in partnership with the Family Service Association. For the past five decades, the Help Line has been a source for anyone seeking referrals to social service and support agencies or information in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This occasion will be marked with a Spring Fling and Auction celebration on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes and the resulting flood devastated the region, causing billions of dollars of damage and leaving citizens in need of food, shelter, and other necessities. In response to this tragedy, the Wilkes-Barre City Demonstration Agency, the Department of Public Welfare, and the Wyoming Valley United Fund all came together to establish and provide financial support for the Wilkes-Barre Information System, later renamed PA 211 Help Line, to provide vital information for the survivors of this disaster. They chose Family Service Association to operate the service. During the first year, 3,000 calls were answered regarding food, utility information, and transport services as the region slowly recovered from the flood.

In 1975, after entering into agreements with several area agencies, the Help Line became

a twenty-four-hour crisis hotline. Soon after, additional agencies signed on, and Help Line was now the crisis center for most Wyoming Valley social service agencies.

While continuing to provide information and referrals, Help Line has also become a place to call when an individual needs someone to listen to them, and a team of crisis case-workers is able to provide support and referrals to additional services as needed. In 2011, Help Line, now operating under its current name, grew beyond an active listing of local agencies to include regional, state, and national resources.

Since 1972, Help Line has answered more than 3.1 million calls from its 17-county coverage area and beyond. The team has responded to numerous disasters over the years such as the blizzard of 1993, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, Help Line continues to grow and thrive. With one phone number, callers can freely obtain resources on how to access thousands of programs and services aiming to improve the quality of their lives.

I am honored to congratulate the Family Service Association and PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of steadfast dedication to supporting the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. I wish them great success in the future as they continue to provide essential services to those who need it most.

HONORING DICK MORRIS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career achievements of Dick Morris, who is stepping down from the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors after more than four decades of service.

Mr. Morris was elected to the district board on November 3, 1981 when the district was first created. He has repeatedly served as president, vice president, and clerk of the board that he helped form. Over those years, Mr. Morris helped bring improvements in electricity reliability and cost savings for Trinity County customers, who enjoy low-cost power through the federal Trinity River Division of the Central Valley hydropower project.

Throughout his time on the district board, Mr. Morris advocated for annual payments of \$800,000 to the district, additional regional infrastructure, and federal legislation vital to the economic health of Trinity County. He supported the passage of my Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013 which acquired land for the district for economic development. Mr. Morris was also key to saving Trinity County's only hospital, vital to the health and well-being of the community.

Madam Speaker, Dick Morris' long service on the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors is an exemplary illustration of commitment to improving the life of Trinity County's rural community through good governance. Please join me in honoring Dick Morris on the occasion of his retirement from the board, and in wishing him good luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING PAUL NEUMEIER FOR HIS CAREER AND SERVICE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Through a lifetime of work for his family and the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula.

Paul was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on June 4, 1947, and later moved to the City of Escanaba where he was raised. In 1965, he graduated from Escanaba High and was a star player on their successful football team. He then attended Michigan State University and graduated as a double major in Political Science and History in 1969. Following his education, he began working at his family business, Independent Roofing & Siding Co. Working for the company for over a decade, Paul was inspired to carry on the family business. He purchased his uncle's part of the company in 1972 to become partners with his father. Paul later became President in 1982, ensuring lasting success for the 105-year-old company. Under Paul's direction, Independent Roofing continued their accomplishments through the years, with the company recently receiving a national award from Firestone as being in the top 1 percent in the United States. Paul is also heavily involved in local politics and has served as the Delta County Republican Party Chairman for 22 years. Today, he continues to remain a strong advocate for his community.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless citizen. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167 on May 11, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of a dear friend, a mentor, and a colleague, Norm Mineta.

Secretary Mineta was an American patriot who served his country with distinction in the military, in Congress, and as a cabinet secretary in two administrations. He was a trailblazer and a man of many 'firsts'. He was the

first Asian-American mayor of a major city, San Jose, California; the first Japanese American from the contiguous 48 states to serve in Congress; and the first Asian-American cabinet secretary.

When I entered Congress in 1993, I was fortunate to serve with and learn from Norm Mineta. With our Congressional Districts bordering each other, we worked shoulder to shoulder on behalf of our constituents. Our staffs worked closely together as well, and our offices had a friendly baseball competition in which Team Eshoo faced off against Team Mineta.

Secretary Mineta held a great love of his country, and despite being interned during World War II, he was not consumed by bitterness. Among his many contributions to our nation was the key role he played in enacting the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided reparations and an official apology to Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

While serving as Secretary of Transportation, he was highly regarded for his steady leadership after our country was attacked on September 11, 2001, when he grounded all air traffic in the U.S. in little more than two hours. He is also remembered for his work to establish the Transportation Security Administration, the TSA, and for his insistence, informed by his personal experience having been interned, that the agency never engage in racial profiling.

It is fitting that he was recognized during his life by having the San Jose International Airport named in his honor, and being awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush.

Through his lifetime of service, Norm Mineta made our country better and stronger. He was a hero in Silicon Valley and beyond, and I'm proud to have worked with him and proud to have been his friend and colleague. I shall miss him greatly and hope that my prayers are a source of comfort to his beloved wife Deni, his sons David and Stuart, his stepsons Robert and Mark, and his many grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SMYRE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend a distinguished public servant, principled business leader, trailblazer, and friend of longstanding, State Representative Calvin Smyre of Columbus, Georgia.

Representative Smyre is completing a long and stellar career, spanning 48 years as a member of the Georgia State House of Representatives, where he is the longest serving member in the Georgia legislature. His leadership and political savvy have contributed to a great legacy of service to his community, the State of Georgia, and our nation, and tonight, he will be honored by the Greater Columbus, Georgia Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his tremendous career in public service.

Calvin Smyre was born in Columbus, Georgia on May 17, 1947, to Chief Warrant Officer Ill Carter Smyre, Jr. and the late Mildred Bass

Smyre. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Valley State University in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting.

His career path has taken him from being a community organizer in the "War on Poverty" to corporate executive for a Fortune 500 company and a trailblazing national political leader.

Starting in 1976, as a management trainee at the Columbus Bank and Trust Company, the Columbus-based division of Synovus Financial Corporation, he rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Corporate and External Affairs, President of the Synovus Foundation, and ultimately Senior Vice President and Assistant to the Chairman for Community Affairs.

In 1974, at the age of 26, Calvin Smyre was elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives as its youngest member. In 1984, he was the first African American from Georgia elected to the Democratic National Committee.

In 1979, he was elected Chairman of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus. In 1982, he was elected President of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials. In 1983, he was appointed by Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris as Assistant Floor Leader, and in 1985, as the first African American Floor Leader. He has served as President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Chairman of the Georgia House Minority Caucus, and Chairman of the Democratic Party of Georgia—these last two being firsts for an African American.

He has received numerous legislative awards and his legislative record includes authoring the bill making Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a state holiday; creating the historic Georgia Dome, home of the Atlanta Falcons; and construction of the \$62 million Columbus River Center.

He has served on numerous boards, including the Board of Trustees of the Morehouse School of Medicine; the Medical College of Georgia Foundation; the Columbus Museum; and as Chair of the Fort Valley State University Foundation. He was the catalyst for the annual Fountain City Classic football weekend, which brings 20,000 fans to Columbus, Georgia contributing millions of dollars to the local economy.

Representative Smyre is a man of faith and continues to be a lifelong member of the Ward Chapel AME Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, last Fall, as Representative Smyre neared the end of his long and distinguished legislative and corporate careers, we were all delighted, when President Joseph Biden announced his intent to name Representative Smyre to the United States Diplomatic Corps as Ambassador from the United States to one of the Caribbean islands, pending full Senate Confirmation.

Longfellow wrote: "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night." Representative Smyre has achieved great heights and through his service has done so much for so many for so long.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the Greater Columbus, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the more than 730,000 people of the

Second Congressional District, his friends, family, and admirers across the country in congratulating, honoring, and commending The Honorable Calvin Smyre for his many years of public service. Moreover, we wish him the best for an imminent and successful Senate Confirmation as he moves into the next chapter of his life.

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, as May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to draw my colleagues' attention to the importance of knowing the risks for common skin cancers and treatment options.

I am a skin cancer survivor, thanks to regular screenings and early detection. My father was not so lucky and passed away from untreated skin cancer.

Our skin is our largest organ, protecting us from temperature extremes, injury, and infection. When our skin is exposed to the sun for an excessive amount of time, particularly our face, neck, arms, and hands, DNA damage can occur, resulting in non-melanoma skin cancer.

It is estimated that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70, making this the most common type of cancer amongst Americans. On average, 3.4 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed every year, with thousands of those cases resulting in death. With early detection, the 5-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent. Today, treatment options include both surgery and non-surgical radiotherapy.

Everyone should take steps to avoid skin cancer. Do self-exams. See your primary care doctor or dermatologist annually and tell them about your risk factors, including sun exposure, use of indoor tanning devices, age, prior skin cancer or family history, and other health conditions. Use broad-spectrum sunscreen that filters both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays and offers a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher every day. Limit your exposure during peak sun hours (10 am to 4 pm), and wear sunglasses with 100 percent UV protection and a wide-brimmed hat.

APRIL CONSTITUENT OF THE
MONTH, RYAN HICKMAN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize San Juan Capistrano resident, Ryan Hickman, as my April Constituent of the Month. Ryan began recycling for his family at the early age of three, and since then he has grown his passion of helping people all over the world to recycle and be better stewards of the planet.

Growing up, Ryan pursued his passion of preventing bottles and cans from reaching the ocean, and he now leads cleanups all over the world. To this day, Ryan spends a part of

every week sorting through cans and bottles from his customers and getting them ready to take to the recycling center. I am proud he has combined his passion of recycling and protecting the environment with volunteerism to support our community and conserve its beauty.

During National Volunteer Month and on Earth Day, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional work of individuals like Ryan Hickman who volunteer their time and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA-49 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and planet, and I'm proud to honor Ryan Hickman as my April Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE FEDERATION
OF INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN
COMMEMORATING INDIA'S 75
YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND
HONORING ASIAN HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) as it commemorates India's 75 years of independence as well as Asian Heritage Month. Since FIA's establishment in 1970, its mission has been to serve the Indian-American community, promote Indian cultural heritage, and advance bilateral ties between the United States and India.

Over the course of five decades, FIA has organized numerous outreach events to provide community support and to celebrate Indian culture and heritage. FIA's efforts have included consular document service assistance for over 11,000 community members, cultural dance competitions that have engaged over 19,000 children in celebration of their heritage, and an annual Diwali Soup Kitchen which has successfully distributed thousands of meals throughout the Northeastern United States. Furthermore, FIA helped to distribute personal protective equipment and hot meals to first responders and community members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I honor the dedicated work of FIA to serve and uplift the Indian-American community, sustain the legacy of Indian heritage across generations, and foster cross-cultural cooperation and understanding. FIA's activities benefit all the communities in which its members reside, and for that, we are all grateful.

FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS
FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Rule and my colleague's legislation, the Federal Firefighter Fairness Act.

As wildfires grow larger and last longer, federal firefighters answer the call of duty, leaving

behind their lives and families for months at a time. Our firefighters are routinely exposed to occupational hazards ranging from carbon monoxide to cancer-causing chemicals released during fires.

I wholeheartedly support this legislation and efforts to establish a science-based list of diseases for which an automatic presumption of work-related illness would apply. This is a commonsense policy that ensures our firefighters get the care they deserve.

I am thankful that House Leadership brought this legislation to a vote ahead of this year's wildfire season. Our communities are depending on federal fire crews to keep us safe and reduce the threat of wildfire—federal firefighters should be able to rely on the federal government for livable wages and healthy work conditions in return.

That's why I introduced the Tim's Act, bipartisan legislation to overhaul federal firefighter pay, benefits and classification. I urge Congress to pass Tim's Act and recognize the needs of our brave wildland firefighters who risk their lives to keep our lands and our families safe.

I encourage a yes vote and thank my colleague, Rep. CARBAJAL, for bringing this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I was called away due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 158, 159, 160, 161, 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; and YEA on Roll Call No. 164, 165, 166, and 167.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL RALPH
THIBAUT FOR BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA
LABOR HALL OF FAME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Michael Ralph Thibault for his induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of service and devotion to the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan.

The U.P. Labor Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize unionists who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of worker dignity and workplace fairness. With a lifetime of service to his community and state, Michael is very deserving of this honor.

Michael was born in Escanaba, Michigan, on November 12, 1949, and was raised in the Village of Garden. He spent many summers working for local farmers and loggers until he graduated from Garden High School in 1967. In the spring of 1968, he traveled to Detroit with a Garden Peninsula ironworker to find work, eventually becoming a permit ironworker for a construction site.

In 1969, Michael decided to return to the U.P. and was accepted for an apprenticeship with International Association of Iron Workers Local 783. Over the next two decades, he served as an on-site steward representing Local 783 and Local 8 while working on many industrial projects. During that time, he joined the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 783 and eventually the Executive Board as a Recording Secretary. Michael went on to serve in several other supporting roles, including as an Ironworker Business Representative, a delegate to the Marquette County Labor Council, and the founding president of the Upper Peninsula Regional Labor Federation.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Michael Ralph Thibault for his induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. This great honor reflects a lifetime of service towards the rights and wellbeing of fellow workers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNUAL
GALA OF THE 92ND STREET Y,
NEW YORK

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 92nd Street Y, New York (92NY) on the occasion of its annual gala, entitled "A Love Letter to New York." For nearly 150 years, 92NY has promoted learning and culture while providing a broad range of services and opportunities to the New York City community and beyond.

Founded in 1974 by a group of German Jewish professionals, 92NY has stood as a tremendous cultural institution in Manhattan's Upper East Side. As part of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, 92NY is testament to the contributions of the Jewish community to our city and nation. Since its founding, 92NY has expanded beyond New York's borders and has patrons in all 50 states and 200 countries around the world.

92NY is committed to enriching the lives of its patrons with world-class programming and embraces people of all backgrounds and persuasions. 92NY serves the Upper East Side as a community center, while simultaneously acting as a massive learning institution for a broader community. 92NY offers programs under five main tenants: Arts, Community, Jewish Life, Children & Family, and Innovation & Social Impact.

92NY displayed its dedication to its patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic. Electing to stay open, 92NY was faced with the task of adjusting its programming while continuing to serve its community. 92NY decided to embrace new digital technologies and moved its programming online, enabling it to reach a wider audience. Over the course of two years, 92NY created 5,000 original programs and attracted six million views, not only across America but from a larger international community.

As a result, 92NY has become a global institution. In order to successfully meet the

needs of its new patrons, 92NY created Roundtable, a new online learning platform. Roundtable offers high-level courses in the Arts, Food, History, Literature, Current Events, Economy and Politics taught by world-renowned educators. 92NY hopes this new program will create access for their international audience and help to form partnerships with other major cultural institutions worldwide.

Formerly referred to colloquially as 92Y, 92NY has made the decision to change its name in order to reintroduce themselves to its new global audience while cementing its unique relationship with New York City. 92NY endeavors to be "Where New York Meets The World."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating 92NY's annual gala, which marks the beginning of a new global era for this incredible institution. For nearly 150 years, 92NY has made a significant contribution to New York City's cultural landscape. I wish them the very best of luck in continuing to add to the City's vibrancy and diversity, while working to expand their programming to audiences across the Country and around the World.

HONORING HANDS OF PEACE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hands of Peace on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary. Headquartered in my Congressional District in Glenview, Illinois, Hands of Peace empowers American, Israeli and Palestinian youth to become agents of change.

Hands of Peace's flagship Summer Program brings American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth together in Chicago and San Diego for a three-week dialogue-based experience where they explore peaceful solutions to foster equality, freedom and justice.

Founded in 2002, Hands of Peace is celebrating 20 years of impact with more than 700 alumni creating positive peace around the world. Through the hosting of Middle Eastern participants in American homes, Hands of Peace has built international ties between Israeli and Palestinian families, and families here in my district.

Through dialogue, education and action, teens learn to listen deeply, share powerful stories and work together to improve their communities. Hands of Peace also partners with local community organizations to educate people about the power of dialogue to break down stereotypes, encourage civil discourse, and shape an understanding of our common humanity.

Hands of Peace continues to work with youth leaders to develop their skills and networks so they can build positive peace in their communities as they grow into adulthood.

Congratulations to Hands of Peace for empowering youth as agents of change and building youth leaders.

ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION EVENT

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks I gave before the Armenian National Committee of America and the Armenian Assembly of America.

It's an honor to speak with you today. I'm JOSH GOTTHEIMER, representing New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, and I'm also the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. Throughout my time in Congress, I've always been proud to fight for our great Armenian American community in North Jersey—one of the largest in the country.

Tonight, I want to thank my friends with the Armenian National Committee of America and the Armenian Assembly of America, and also acknowledge any clergy and faith leaders joining us.

We are gathered here today to remember April 24th, 1915: the painful day when hundreds of Armenian intellectuals were rounded up and ultimately murdered at the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. May their memory be a blessing to us all.

By coming together to commemorate this atrocity, we not only mourn the lives lost, but we continue to rededicate ourselves to recognizing and speaking out against genocide around the globe and ensuring that we stand united in condemning hatred and violence.

I believe that it is our duty to speak out honestly about historical facts and recognize the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians, as well as Greeks, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Arameans, Maronites, and other Christians by the Ottoman Empire.

As the husband of someone who lost entire parts of her family during the Nazis' attempt to exterminate European Jewry, the need to recognize genocide is a deeply personal one.

I know that it is never the wrong time to bear witness and tell the truth, and that the United States should never be complicit in denying genocide.

For too long, this genocide has been denied, and the victims and their families denied full justice.

In October 2019—nearly three years ago—thanks to the tireless efforts of activists and community leaders like all of you, as was said, we were able to achieve the historic passage in Congress of H. Res. 296—a resolution I was proud to cosponsor and vote for—affirming the United States' recognition of the Armenian genocide.

I was also proud to work with my colleagues in the bipartisan Congressional Armenian Caucus to write to President Biden urging him to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

And last year, as was talked about, for the first time, the sitting President of the United States formally declared the truth.

As we continue to see a rise in acts of hate and targeted violence against ethnic and religious minorities around the world, it is vital that we not conceal or be bystanders to evil.

By recognizing the Armenian Genocide, we pay tribute to the perseverance of the survivors and the dedication and contributions of the Armenian Americans who do so much to strengthen our communities and our nation.

I will continue to stand strong with our ally Armenia, in the face of threats and con-

tinued attacks from its neighbors, as we unfortunately have continued to see, even just in the last couple months. That includes continuing our call for the release of Armenian prisoners of war detained by Azerbaijan, as well as continued support for critical humanitarian assistance to Artsakh.

Know that you have an ally in Congress, and that my door is always open to you.

Today, we solemnly commemorate the genocide committed against the Armenian people. It is only by raising our voices to acknowledge and remember these horrific crimes against humanity, that we can look clearly into the future committed to pursue justice and eradicate hate.

Thank you, and God bless America.

IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL HERMANN THE WOODLANDS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the completed expansion project at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

For nearly 115 years, Memorial Hermann Health System has been the premier health care provider in the Greater Houston region with 17 hospitals in the area. Located in Houston, the Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center is one of the nation's busiest Level I trauma centers and serves as the primary teaching hospital for McGovern Medical School at UTHealth.

The Memorial Hermann Health System is famed for its cutting-edge advances in medical science and technology. As a nationally acclaimed Accountable Care Organization, it provides exceptional care in cardiology, neuroscience, orthopedics, women's health, general surgery, and organ transplantation. The Memorial Hermann Life Flight air ambulance service was the first of its kind in Texas, the second accredited air ambulance service in the nation, and is the busiest air ambulance system in the country.

In my district, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center has been a valued partner for many years, caring for the community and engaging in numerous community events and activities.

Continuing with the system's tradition of excellence, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center houses the Canopy Cancer Survivorship Center. A first-of-its-kind facility, the Canopy Center offers an array of programs and services designed to address the emotional, physical, and social needs of those impacted by cancer.

In November 2019, the Memorial Hermann Health System announced an expansion of its hospital in The Woodlands to meet the needs of patients and their families in the growing Montgomery County community. The new South Tower will provide 8 stories of patient care and house areas in which patients, their families and guests can learn, connect, and relax. The new addition will bring expanded patient and operating rooms to the campus and feature new interventional laboratories to allow Memorial Hermann to better serve the needs of our growing community.

I am honored to join the countless friends and supporters of the Memorial Hermann

Health System in thanking and congratulating them for their decades of service, commitment to excellence in healthcare, and their dedication of the new South Tower of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168.

APPRECIATING HUNGARIAN PATRIOT MICHAEL KOVÁTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week on May 10th a Marker Dedication Ceremony was held in Charleston, South Carolina, for Michael Kováts de Fabricy, the Founding Father of the United States Calvary.

Michael Kováts de Fabricy was a Hungarian nobleman and accomplished officer in the Prussian Calvary. He was a retired Hussar major in the Austro-Hungarian army. Upon learning of the American Revolution, he wrote on January 17, 1777, to American Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin, to volunteer his services and pledged himself "faithful unto death."

Kováts was appointed colonel commandant of Pulaski's Legion in the Continental Army in 1778. He recruited, trained, and led what became the first U.S. Calvary unit. He was the highest-ranking Hungarian military officer in the American Revolutionary War. Kováts was killed on May 11, 1779, while leading an assault on British troops in Charleston, South Carolina. He remained true to his word and was loyal and faithful to American freedom to his death.

The Dedication Ceremony was appropriately at The Old Exchange Building coordinated by Director Tony Youmans. In the American Revolution British tea was seized and stored at the Exchange Building basement then sold to finance the Revolution and not thrown into the harbor. The Color Guard of the venerated Washington Light Infantry was provided by Major General Henry Siegling, Commander, and Colonel Myron C. Herrington, Historian and Secretary. The Washington Light Infantry is a military and social organization founded in 1807 as one of the oldest in America.

The Dedication and Unveiling was conducted by National Society Daughters of American Revolution President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

It was extraordinary Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Hungary, Magor Ernyei delivered remarks at the event and highlighting that there is a statue of Michael Kováts in Washington outside the Embassy of Hungary. Clearly there is great affection in South Carolina for the people of Hungary. We will always cherish the courage of Hungarians to oppose

the Soviet Tank Invasion of 1956 just as we support the people of Ukraine to oppose the Putin Tank Invasion of 2022.

Program participants in the service and assisted in this event from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: Bonnibel Moffat, South Carolina State Regent; Nancy Herritage, State Historian; Laura Kessler, Historian General; Pamela Bork, Chaplain General; Cynthia Sweeney, Librarian General; Janet Whittington, Curator General; Elizabeth Billham, Vice President General; and Pat Kinard, Regent of the Rebecca Motte Chapter.

RECOGNIZING MRS. CAROL TAYLOR

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carol Taylor for her fifty-year career as a teacher and congratulate her on her retirement.

Mrs. Taylor began teaching in Orange County in 1965. After five years in Southern California, she moved to the Central Valley, beginning as a teacher at Terra Bella Elementary School. After a brief stint in Montana, Mrs. Taylor returned to Terra Bella in 1987 where she has been teaching ever since.

Over the course of her career, Mrs. Taylor has taught thousands of children, ranging from pre-school to 4th grade. Through her dedication to her students, she was able to provide the educational foundation necessary for these children to succeed in both school and in life. Many of her former students have gone on to be successful members of our Central Valley community, with some even becoming teachers themselves.

Mrs. Taylor plans to spend her well-earned retirement traveling the country, visiting friends and family, and spending time with her grandchildren. On behalf of everyone in California's 21st congressional district, I would like to thank her for fifty years of service to our community and wish her a long and happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mrs. Carol Taylor, a fixture in our community and an inspiration to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE CHRIS VAUGHN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Detective Chris Vaughn as she retires from a life of public service. She served the communities of Plano, Texas and The Colony, Texas as a dispatcher and police officer for over 25 years.

Detective Chris Vaughn grew up in Loveland, Colorado where she graduated from high school in 1983. She moved to Plano, Texas in 1991 and worked various jobs before being hired in 1994 by the City of Plano as a

PD/FD/EMD Dispatcher. In 1995, Detective Vaughn was hired by the Plano Police Department. She attended the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy and was elected by her class to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In May 1997, Detective Vaughn was hired by The Colony Police Department where she served as a patrol officer for several years. She was selected to be the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructor and worked with students in The Colony. During her time in patrol, Detective Vaughn earned her Intermediate Peace Officer, Advanced Peace Officer, and Master Peace Officer Certifications. She was a Field Training Officer, Intoxilyzer Operator, and a Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course (SAFVIC) certified family violence investigator.

In June 2013, Detective Vaughn was selected to make a lateral move into the Criminal Investigation Division. She solved two missing juvenile cold cases early in her tenure as a detective. Since then, she has successfully investigated many major cases where her work directly resulted in suspects receiving prison sentences ranging from 25 to 70 years. Off-duty, she has volunteered on multiple events at the Children's Advocacy Center. Throughout her life, she has been passionate about photography and has recently started a photography business.

In total, Detective Vaughn has faithfully served and protected North Texas citizenry and businesses for more than two and a half decades. She has selflessly put others' safety above her own, and I am deeply grateful for her exemplary service to our community and state. I wish Detective Vaughn the best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 152, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.66) South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 153, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 7077) Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 154, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 1437) PRECIP Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 155, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.1872) United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 156, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5911) Fair Hiring in Banking Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 157, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5914) Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act, I would have voted NO;

Roll Call No. 158, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill

(H.R.935) Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act, I would have voted YEA; and on

Roll Call No. 159 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R.7066) Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING SGT. NICK TULLIER

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy. Nearly six years ago, there was an attack on our community.

The attack was designed to be divisive—to rip our community apart. It did not work. Evil was overcome by the goodness—the Godliness—in our community, our state and the nation. Evil did not take hold.

Rather, we came together to support the six peacekeepers shot in the line of duty after answering the call.

The reports on Deputy Nick Tullier were not good. We heard over and over again from the doctors and nurses, that he wouldn't make it another hour, another day, another week—that he couldn't make it. None of them knew Nick. He had more work to do, or as the men and women in blue refer to it, it was not yet the "end of watch" for Nick.

At Tiger Stadium the other night, Garth Brooks put it another way: Nick "had more dance to share." God had more work for Nick to do here on earth.

Against all odds, Nick fought like hell for 2,119 days. He was absolutely immersed in the love of his family, old friends, new friends and complete strangers. Blue and black bracelets labeled "Pray for Nick" or "Nick Tullier Strong" popped up all over. Even President Trump signed onto to "Team Nick."

God has now summoned Deputy Tullier among the peacekeepers that have finished their last call. He's on a different patrol with Corp. Montrell Jackson, BRPD, Officer Matthew Gerald, and Deputy Brad Garafola, EBRSO.

Mary and James' constant presence and endurance demonstrated the boundless and unending love of a mother and father. Nick knows he was loved and countless parents in our community and around the world are inspired by their overflowing love and support of their son.

Trenton and Gage's father's two decades wearing the badge made our community safer. He certainly did not do it for the money. Our community benefited from his sacrifice. Nick's life embodies a servant's heart. They should be inspired by the life he lived as a peacekeeper.

Jamie and Shannon's brother was a machine. His physical workouts and fitness were impressive. I can only guess that he must have beat the heck out of them growing up. I hope they cherish those memories of the time growing up with their brother and don't make him come back and knock them in line again. Seriously, they are charged with ensuring Nick's passing does not create a void on earth.

I hope that all of Nick's family, friends and supporters know that his legacy will be felt be-

yond his time among us. On July 17, 2016 and the weeks following, we did not allow evil to take hold. Rather than giving in, we came together and rose up. We united against evil and came together for what was good and what was right. Much of that coming together has died down or subsided for us.

For the past six years, Nick's fight never died. Every day, with the support of his family, he continued. He persevered.

Just because Nick returned to the Father, just because it is the end of watch for Nick Tullier—the fight is not over.

Nick taught us that we can overcome all odds. Nick made clear that miracles are possible. Just as we united against the forces of evil six years ago, we can continue to be inspired by Nick's enormous heart. We can be inspired by his parent's incredible dedication.

Let us honor Nick by continuing to work together against the evil that is trying to take hold, trying to get traction in our community. Let's rise up and support our peacekeepers, back the blue—and, Sheriff Gautreaux, the green too. We are better than this.

Garth Brooks went on to sing that, "I could have missed the pain, but I'da had to miss the dance." As tough as today is, anyone that came into to contact with Nick would agree that the dance was worth it.

Louisiana and America would be less safe without our men and women in blue.

We will remain Nick Tullier Strong. God bless.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROY E. BREWER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roy E. Brewer for his thirty-six years of dedication to the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (Metro Chamber) and his contributions to the Greater Sacramento area. As the Metro Chamber celebrates fifty years of their Capitol-to-Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) program, I ask all my colleagues to stand with me to honor Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Brewer is a founding partner of Brewer Lofgren LLP Attorneys at Law. He received his Juris Doctor at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1982; spending his early college years at the University of Florida where he earned both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Mr. Brewer applied his education as a land use attorney in the Sacramento area. Mr. Brewer is a trusted advocate at the local, state and federal levels on many public policy issues.

Mr. Brewer, the current Board Chair of KVIE-PBS for Northern California, has spent many decades in community engagement. He is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter, and was the Board Chair in 2010 through 2011. He has also been the Chair of the Capital Campaign for the Los Rios Community College District, the Chair of Leadership Sacramento, the President of the American River Natural History Association, and the President of the Northern California Rugby Football Union.

In 1990, Mr. Brewer served as President of the Sacramento Metro Chamber, lending his

dedication and expertise to the organization. His leadership within the Metro Chamber has brought businesses together and has furthered economic prosperity throughout the Sacramento region. In 1991, he was honored as the Metro Chamber's Sacramentan of the Year, a much-deserved recognition. Today, he continues his commitment and enthusiasm through the annual Cap-to-Cap event in Washington, D.C. This event would not be what it is without his leadership.

Madam Speaker, as Members of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce celebrate Mr. Brewer, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his legacy of service to the Sacramento region.

HONORING DR. ERIC WITHERSPOON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Eric Witherspoon, who is retiring after 16 years of extraordinary leadership as Superintendent of Evanston Township High School (ETHS) District 202.

Dr. Witherspoon has been superintendent of ETHS District 202 since July 2006. Previously he served as Superintendent in Des Moines, Iowa; Indianapolis, Indiana and Hobart, Indiana. He began his career as a high-school English teacher and director of the high school gifted education program at Crown Point High School in Indiana.

At ETHS, Dr. Witherspoon focused on equity and having high expectations for all students. He enabled students to have opportunities to take more honors and advanced-placement classes during their four years of high school. Dr. Witherspoon also focused on the importance of reading as a pathway to education by bolstering student resources.

Dr. Witherspoon implemented a comprehensive system of academic and social/emotional supports to help students to succeed in school. And he has renewed the focus on professional development for staff. He also created programs and partnerships with Northwestern University and Oakton Community College and expanded career and technical education opportunities for ETHS students.

ETHS launched a long-term strategic initiative to upgrade the entire campus under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership. Many of the school's athletic facilities have been enhanced, and facility upgrades include the planetarium, Geometry in Construction house-building site, science labs, a research and theory center, auto technology, advanced manufacturing, Project Lead the Way Engineering, and the culinary, ceramics and pottery programs.

Under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership, academic achievement and the graduation rate at ETHS have increased. ACT results reached the highest in the history of ETHS for nine consecutive years, and ETHS is now recognized by U.S. News and World Reports as well as the Washington Post as ranking in the top 2-3 percent of all high schools in the nation. Dr. Witherspoon also helped to build the ETHS Educational Foundation, an organization focused on raising funds to further enhance ETHS for all students, teachers and staff.

Dr. Witherspoon has been a remarkable Superintendent for 16 years and has been honored throughout his career for his educational leadership. I have appreciated our many collaborations and close working relationship. He will leave behind a legacy of success and achievement and will be missed.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN ANN
CARLSON FOR BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA
LABOR HALL OF FAME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kathleen Ann Carlson for her induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor

Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of service and devotion to the public good, Kathleen has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan.

The U.P. Labor Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize unionists who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of worker dignity and workplace fairness. With a lifetime of service to her community in healthcare and local labor groups, Kathleen is very deserving of this honor.

Kathleen was born in Iron River, Michigan, on September 19, 1960, and was the youngest of four children. After starting a family, she returned to work in 1985 and was hired by the Marquette County Health Department in the Accounting Department of Administrative Services. Her experience there inspired her to join her American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local as a

steward, then Treasurer, and eventually the first female President.

During her involvement with AFSCME, Kathleen successfully advocated for and helped give a voice to workers across the Upper Peninsula. Over the years, she went on to serve in multiple positions in different local union organizations such as U.P. Labor Management Council delegate, AFSCME Staff Representative, a transition team member for the Marquette County Labor Council, and many more.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kathleen Ann Carlson for her induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. This great honor reflects a lifetime of service towards the rights and well-being of fellow workers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.